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- 1. On 3 November a Chinese Communist gunboat arrived at Wanchai, on the west side of Macao harbor, with a large quantity of material for building concrete and wood fortifications. A Chinese Communist battalion commander told villagers that construction work was for protection against Nationalist naval action. He also advised villagers not to believe rumors concerning the departure of troops from the area. Machine gun, mortar and 82mm cannon emplacements are to be built. The Shihchi (113-22, 22-30) defense commander inspected the defense works area on 11 November, and on 16 November the Chungshan (113-36, 22-22) government requisitioned 6,000 trees for use in the fortifications. Approximately 4,000 pieces of timber towed by boat from Wuchow (111-19, 23-28) arrived in Chilenshan (113-32, 22-14) on 20 November.
- 2. Among supplies sent to Chiuchiang (113-33, 24-50) on 20 November were 10,000 drums of gasoline bought in Hong Kong and Macao. On the same day, 16 trucks of the Chikuan Bus Company of Macao transported large quantities of gasoline, machine oil, cotton and medicine from the Hein Huang Company, Macao, to Shihchii en route to Canton.
- 3. On 25 November, the Chiangmen (113-06, 22-34) bank sent HK \$10,000 to Canton.
- 4. As of 4 December, the total output of cement at the Hsitsun factory in Canton was being used in the construction of fortifications. In addition, cement stocks held by merchants in Canton and other Kwangtung cities were being bought by the government at fixed low prices.
- 5. Between about 25 November and 4 December, the commander of the Chinese Communist 41 Army ordered the 121 Division*, assigned to garrison duty in East Kwangtung, to be transferred from Swatow and Chiacan (116-37, 23-42) to Huiyang (114-26, 23-05) to build defense works and gun emplacements. Twenty camouflaged 5-ton trucks are being used for night transportation of supplies and heavy equipment from Swatow to Huiyang. Prior to 4 December, the Kwangtung Military District began requisition of trucks from the transport companies. The Director's Office, Central Kwangtung, ordered the transport company of each haien to send one

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truck to Canton for government use.

- 6. According to private statements made prior to 15 December by the Chinese Communist mayor of Swatow, the families of high Communist officials in Canton are to be moved to Chichyang (116-20, 23-32). The mayor also stated that in the event of world war the Communists intend to attack Hong Kong in order to obtain 50,000 tons of useful materials there, but will cease the attack if strongly resisted.
- 7. On 21 November, following the Canton policy, Shihch'i authorities advised the aged and children to leave the city, and supplies were moved from cities to villages. The Ch'ienshan customs station records were moved three miles inland, where a new office was set up. By 10 December, Chungshan haien authorities had already considered an evacuation point for the haien government office in case of emergency. The Pearl River District office has also moved supplies, prisoners and records inland. On 9 December four districts of the Chungshan haien directed two native Communist leaders to begin organization work in the mountain areas of those districts.
- 8. At a meeting of the officers of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column held outside Macao on 4 December, Commander TSENG Sheng (* 生) discussed the strength-ening of coastal defenses and discontinuance of use of troops for production. In addition, they discussed the organization of the People's Militia to Keep the Peace, and the provision of replacements.
- 9. On 7 November the Pearl River Delta District officer organized an Anti-US Support Korea Committee to persuade the people to join the Korean Volunteer Army: 10,000 men are to be taken from the district. Soldiers for this Communist force have already been selected in Chungshan. On 23 November, the Communist-organized Peasants' Association in Ch'ienshan called a meeting to discuss the draft of soldiers since only the destitute are willing to be selected. In early December, the Kwangtung Military District ordered all the haien to clear their prisons. Ablebodied prisoners jailed for minor offenses were sent to Hankov for training prior to attachment to the volunteer army, and political prisoners were executed. In Canton and Chiangmen, 100 such prisoners have been secretly executed.
- 10. The Canton-Ch'uchiang section of the Canton-Hankow railway is garrisoned by the 27 Army, 3 Field Army.** Each large station is garrisoned by half a company, while small stations are assigned a squad composed of 10 soldiers. The railroad itself is in excellent condition; the trip from Canton to Ch'uchiang takes seven hours.

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